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ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION

NATIONAL FOREST – San Juan
RANGER DISTRICT - Columbine
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WEST LIME CREEK TRAIL #679

Length: 3.0 miles (4.8 km.)

Use: Medium

Recommended Season

Spring Summer Fall Winter

Difficulty: More difficult

USGS Map (s): Engineer Mountain
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Starting Elevation: 9,800'

Trailhead off of U.S. 550

Ending Elevation: 10,900'

End of Trail

Recommended

Season:

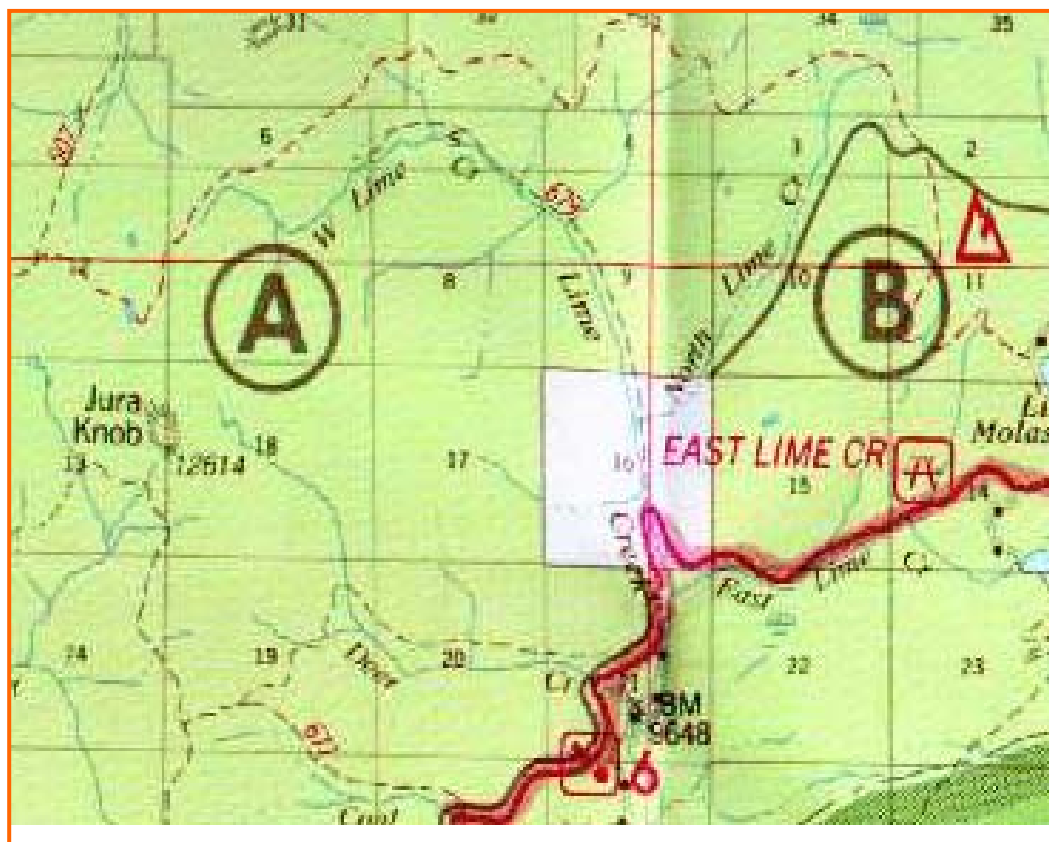
Summer/Fall

Access # 1: This access point is found some 39 miles north of Durango on U.S. 550. The trailhead is about 1 mile north from the low point between Coal Bank Pass and Molas Pass, on the big, sweeping hairpin turn. Parking is on the east side of the road in the large turnout south of the trailhead. To reach the trailhead, one must cross the highway and walk roughly 40 yards up the road. The

trailhead leads off on the north side of the creek.

Attractions & Considerations : This trail follows West Lime Creek for several miles, then crosses and leaves it. There are several waterfalls along the creek. Usually there is an abundance of wildflowers in July and August. All water from the creek should be filtered, to prevent problems with Giardia. The trail follows the creek, so if you have a good compass and a topographic map it is possible to navigate. From here you can head north or south, climbing either way. There are spectacular views and excellent opportunities for photography.

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10000			
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Feet	1	2	3
Miles			



Scan of the San Juan National Forest Map

Forest Service Maps and other publications are available at the Public Lands Center, in the Durango Tech Center, ½ mile west of Durango off Highway 160, or by calling (970) 247-4874.

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